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CASTRO'S RULE FINALLY ENDED

Former Dictator of Venezuela Shorn of Power.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Alleged to Have Plotted the Assassination of Acting President Gomez. Attempt Frustrated by the Prompt Action of the Acting Chief Executive—Bank of Venezuela Cancels Castro's Unlimited Letter of Credit

Caracas, Dec. 23.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who had governed the republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899, is now openly charged with conspiracy to compass the assassination of the man he left at the head of republic when he sailed away on Nov. 23 from La Guayra, nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today thoroughly discredited. The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to President Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe, and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital. The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president.

The attempt upon the life of Gomez was frustrated by the cool nerve and courageous daring of the acting president himself. Alone and unsupported, he arrested the ringleaders of the conspiracy with his own hands in the presence of their armed adherents, and after this action he issued a proclamation saying that not only had he saved his own life, but he had maintained the higher ideals of the chief magistracy of the republic.

Already the new administration shows signs of a desire and intention to settle the disputes between Venezuela and certain foreign powers that have kept the republic in a light of unenviable notoriety for several years past.

At a conference held in Caracas between Acting President Gomez and Baron von Seckendorf, the German minister, who is in charge of the interests of Holland since the departure of the Dutch minister, M de Reus, last summer, it was agreed to suspend the operation of the decree issued by President Castro prohibiting the transshipment at Willemstad of goods destined for Venezuela.

Pending the signing of a treaty between Holland and a duly empowered Venezuelan commissioner, the Dutch warships that have been patrolling the Venezuelan coast for nearly three weeks will be withdrawn.

The attempt to assassinate Acting President Gomez and several of the ministers was decided upon on Friday

CYPRIANO CASTRO.

night, Dec. 18. Gomez heard of the plot that same night and the next morning took the personal stand that nipped it in the bud.

The men concerned in the conspiracy were President Castro's closest friends and best known adherents. Secret cipher cablegrams have passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here since the popular anti-Castro demonstrations of Dec. 13 and 14. A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high federal court, charging President Castro with complicity in the plot to assassinate and proposing his impeachment.

EXPECTED AT WASHINGTON

Revulsion of Feeling Against Castro's Administration.

Washington, Dec. 23.—That this government has been expecting a revulsion of feeling in Venezuela against the administration of President Castro that would be manifested probably in the form of a revolution, has been no secret. For this reason the state department has not been disposed to push the Venezuelan authorities by forceful or retaliatory measures to agree to a settlement of the various claims now pending, preferring to let matters take their course, believing in the end that the situation would work itself out.

The events of the past week in Caracas, including the formation of a new cabinet from which is eliminated the Castro influence, and the other manifestations of feeling against the president, they say justify the conclusions they formed long ago. Withal, however, it is pointed out, the president has many friends throughout the country who will rally to his standard and with whom the authorities at Caracas may have to reckon. That there would be a revolution following the president's departure for Europe was fully expected, but that it would be accomplished without bloodshed was hardly expected.

Continued reticence is manifested at the navy department regarding the movements of the battleship Maine, which left Norfolk Monday on a cruise, and other vessels of the navy whose destination is believed to be the West Indies or Venezuela. One of the theories advanced is that these ships would patrol the various passages in the West Indies to intercept any filibustering expedition from this country in aid of any revolutionary movement in Venezuela.

OFFICER SLAIN BY NEGROES

Several Other Persons Wounded in Battle in Kentucky.

London, Ky., Dec. 23.—While attempting to arrest some negroes who were accused of robbing the mines at Artemus, a mining town north of this place, Officer Brooks and a negro named Soley were killed, and another officer, Robert Smith, was fatally wounded, besides others being seriously hurt. The negroes opened fire on the approaching officers and a general fusillade resulted.

Miss Bertha D. Mack

This is the young woman who ntertained a large number of ller skate enthusiasts at the luth Temple Rink last evening. It was the first of a series exhibitions and took fine. Miss ack has all the tricks that the erage performer shows and en a whole lot more. What peals strongest to the large mber of spectators, however, s the graceful manner in which e executed everything she did. Miss Mack will be at the Casi- Roller Rink Thursday, Friday d Saturday with matinees on iday and Saturday afternoons. **mission will be only 10c.**

CASINO Roller Rink

COUNCILMAN CAUGHT IN ACT

Photographed While Accepting Bribe From a Decoy.

WHILE POSING AS PROMOTER

Detective Gets City Official to Tell of Negotiations to Secure Passage of Desired Legislation—Other Sleuths in Concealment Hear the Story. Officers Who Paid to Have Their Bank Made City Depository Resign.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—A flashlight photograph of a member of councils in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter," it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented when seven members of councils and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts brought by the Voters' league. This picture, it is said, was taken in a private room in a downtown hotel immediately before the councilman was arrested.

No additional arrests have been made and it is said that none are likely to be made until after the hearing. There was a report current that a dozen or more members of council who had been summoned to the department of public safety were undergoing a sweating process and that arrests were likely to follow, but it is authoritatively announced that these men were not under suspicion, but were called in by the officers to give them information regarding a number of measures recently before council and to furnish certain data.

It is also denied that any of those under suspicion have left the city since the exposure and that all whom the detectives think may possibly be wanted later are being kept under surveillance, officers being on guard at all city and suburban stations.

Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent of the Hufling Detective agency of Scranton, Pa., which worked up the cases. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city and to have become very intimate with the councilman. With other detectives concealed within hearing distance, the councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name the other members who were

To Share in the Bribe

and to say that the members were tired of promises and wanted to see some real money. It was while the money was being shown that the flash was ignited. The councilman, it is said, broke down and wept and when he accused his companion of trapping him there was no denial. Then an officer appeared and made the arrest.

Bank Examiner Harrison Nesbit is expected to testify to finding a suspicious entry in the books of the German National bank accounting for $17,500 and that President W. W. Ramsey and Cashier A. A. Vilsack of the bank, upon being summoned before the directors, admitted that that sum had been expended to secure the selection of the bank as a city depository. The directors repudiated the action of the officers and immediately asked and received the resignation of the officers. It is practically admitted that a number of decoy contractors and promoters were introduced to trap councilmen and that many temptations have been offered members during the past six months.

In some quarters it is believed that Mayor Guthrie was back of the probe, he having been an attorney for the Voters' league some years ago when it made a winning fight against a street car line on the boulevard, a main thoroughfare from the downtown district to the East End. The mayor declines to discuss any of the details of the probe, but since the affair was give publicity Monday night all departments of his administration have been active in the matter. The mayor opposed the city depositories legislation from the first, refusing to make contracts authorized by councils because the depositories selected were to pay but 2 per cent on daily balances, while other banks offered 2½ per cent.

Friends of some of the accused men charge that the whole probe is a part of a scheme to elect an independent candidate for mayor yet to be named

French Barque Probably Lost.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 23.—A cablegram from St. Pierre, Miquelon, states that the French barque Artere, which left France on Nov. 8 with a consignment of salt for the firm of Gaston & Menier, has probably been lost with her crew of seventeen men.

H. H. Michael Co.

Time's short
You want a gift
Want the correct thing
Want it at the right price

Prepared, we are
For the holiday rush
So come for quality and service

Come in the morning
If such a thing be possible

"MICHAEL'S"

WARRING CHURCH FACTIONS CLASH

Four Persons Seriously Hurt During the Battle.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Warring factions of a Catholic congregation in Homestead, a suburb, engaged in a riot in which four persons were seriously injured and several hundred Slavs were slightly cut or bruised. Twenty-five of the participants have been arrested and are in jail and warrants are being prepared for at least one-half of the 500 participants in the melee. After the Homestead riot had been quelled with the aid of the fire department, the rioters went to Munhall, where they destroyed the interior of St. Michael's Slavonic parochial school, home of the new priest, Rev. M. C. Flarginsky, whose life they vainly sought. The seriously injured are:

John Lamb of the Homestead police; Patrick Pyle, Munhall police sergeant; William Stevens, coal and iron policeman; John Sakinsky, Homestead policeman; unknown Slavish woman.

The trouble was over the removal of furniture from St. Michael's Slavonic Roman Catholic church to the parochial school at Munhall, a nearby borough, by a new pastor.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BURN

Mail Coach Loaded With Them Is Destroyed by Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A mail coach loaded with Christmas presents was burned, five mail clerks barely escaped with their lives, while one was injured in jumping to safety, and an engine was derailed and overturned when a southbound Baltimore and Ohio railroad freight train crashed into a westbound Chicago and Alton passenger train in the West Side of Chicago. As soon as the trains struck a gas tank in the mail coach exploded and set fire to it and the piles of Christmas mail.

Many passengers were badly shaken up.

Toler Found Not Guilty.

Toledo, Ia., Dec. 23.—The county court here was the scene of a wildly enthusiastic demonstration when the jury in the case of W. F. Toler, accused of killing George W. Davies at Marshalltown, after being out one hour and ten minutes, brought in a verdict of not guilty. While the excitement was at its height the accused man's wife threw herself into her husband's arms and fainted.

Workman Killed.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—By the giving way of the false work under a bridge at Port Marion, John Gallagher of Vincent, O., was killed; two workmen were badly injured and five others were thrown into the river and were rescued with difficulty.

Bijou Theatre

F. E. LOW, Manager
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Advance Vaudeville

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

1. Magic Handkerchief
ILLUSTRATED SONG
"If You Love Me as I Love You"
by ALYCE HALLQUIST.
2. Her Flowers
VAUDEVILLE ACT
"TAMBO DUO"
Singing Refined Comedy, talking Aluminum Chimes, Roller Skate Dancing, Tamborine Manipulating
3. Paris, as seen from a height
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4. The Jealous Fisherman

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Young Men, married men, or any one who can save **$10.00 a month** or more will make no mistake if they buy a well located house and lot in Brainerd at present prices. Study conditions for past five years then look ahead. Present railroad conditions and future **Iron Prospects** insure good times and a sure increase in values. **The time to buy is now,** you will pay more in the Spring. I suggest to single young men that you begin the new year by buying a house and lot on easy terms and make that **Your Savings Bank.** In a few years you will own it The rents will help pay for it and afterwards give you an income. **Then Buy Another.** I would be pleased to see any one interested and give details. Office in Wise block, open day and evenings. Come in and talk it over.

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Special Sale of Black Diamonds for Xmas Presents

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We have bought all our coal with only one object in view, that is to obtain the best coal with the most heat units, which we could find. We think we have succeeded and firmly believe a trial order will convince any one of this fact.

The quality of our goods are remembered, long after the prices are forgotten.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1908

Christmas at the Postoffice

The general delivery window at the postoffice will be open on Christmas morning between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock and again in the afternoon immediately following the arrival and distribution of the mail from the south. There will be a forenoon delivery by carrier and in the afternoon the carrier's windows will be open after the mail from the south is distributed. No money order business will be transacted.

3t N. H. INGERSOLL, P. M.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

H. P. Dunn's prices please the purse.

Choice line of Xmas gifts at H. P. Dunn's.

Wm. Ennis, of St. Cloud, was at the Earl last night.

Gifts for young and old, just what they want at H. P. Dunn's.

Mack Lennan, of the International Falls Press, was in the city today.

John Johnson, of Crow Wing, went to Fargo today to spend Christmas.

Math. Steilin, of Little Falls, was registered at the Globe hotel last night.

Those handsome books make acceptable gifts a large line at H. P. Dunn's.

City property to trade for land or land for city property. Enquire of T. E. Welch. 165tf

Frames, Frames, Frames of every description at Marie A. Canan's. 169t4

Miss Lou P. Barrett left today for Wadena to spend Christmas with relatives.

Catchy, Cunning and Christmassy are the novelty pictures at Marie A. Canan's. 169t4

S. H. Olson, of Kewatin, Ontario, was registered at the City hotel last night.

Aluminum cooking utensils at Slipp-Gruenhagen's. 165tf

W. H. and H. B. Oliver, of Pine River, were registered at the Earl last night.

Come and see our new line of library lamps at D. M. Clark & Co.'s. 139tf

All our watches thoroughly guaranteed at Burnett's.

Mrs. Robert Chesney, of Aldrich, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Golemboske.

Store your household goods with D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

Have you seen our 20 year filled ladies watches at $12.00, at Burnett's.

Dr. W. G. Cameron, of Staples, was in the city this forenoon, returning home on No. 11,

Found—A ladies 20 year filled gold watch for $8.00 to $12.00 at Burnett's

Have you seen our 20 year filled ladies watches at $12.00, at Burnett's.

Victor Johnson, of Ft. Ripley, was in the city today enroute to Duluth to spend the holidays.

Leave your order for storm sash with D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

As usual we have a choice line of the Porter Water colors. Marie A. Canan's. 169t4

Julius Brandt, of Deerwood, was visiting his brother-in-law, Deputy Sheriff Theorin, yesterday.

Mixed hard wood, stove length, for sale at $3.50 per load. Phones 111 or 18J3. 152 1 mo

Miss Larson, of Crow Wing, was in the city today enroute to Fargo to visit friends for a few days.

Runners to fit any Go-Cart, 75c the pair at Hoffman's.

O. E. Culver, of Deerwood, came down last night and transacted business in Brainerd today.

The Bissell carpet sweeper makes a nice present for mother. See them at Slipp-Gruenhagen Co's. 165tf

Oliver Grenier and family went to Topeka, Minn., today to spend Christmas with relatives.

20 year gold filled ladies watches from $8.00 to $15.00, at Burnett's.

Two full cords of lath edging delivered to any part of the city, for $5.00. Wm. Wood, office Wise block. Phones office 187, mill 43. tf

Mrs. John Kinsmiller and daughters went to St. Cloud today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Does your stove smoke? Try Anti Carbon, sold by D. M. Clark & Co. tf

Mark Fleenor and his friend H. R. Snyder, returned today from a couple of days spent at Bemidji.

Found—A ladies 20 year filled gold watch for $8.00 to $12.00 at Burnett's.

Steven Queeney, a machinist at the Northern Pacific shops, left today for Paul to spend Christmas.

We can save you money on silver plated knives, forks and spoons. C. L. Burntet.

Miss Fannie Graham went to Staples today to visit at the home of her brother, Byron, for a few days.

We can save you money on silver plated knives, forks and spoons. C. L. Burnett.

Miss Maud Allen, of Minneapolis, was in the city last night on her way to visit her mother at Aitkin.

All our watches thoroughly guaranteed at Burnett's.

George H. Gardner went to the twin cities today on legal business. He expects to be absent a couple of days.

We have 25 second hand coal and wood heaters to be sold for storage. D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

Miss Carrie E. Minnich came up from St. Cloud today to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wieland.

D. M. Clark & Co. the oldest installment house in the city. Goods sold on easy terms. 139tf

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Weber left this morning for Waterloo and Oelwein, Iowa, to visit relatives during the holidays.

The new term at the Brainerd Business College begins Jan. 4 Special rates offered to students who enter at the opening. 1t

Casper Heitz, of Freeport, Ill., was at the Earl hotel yesterday to attend to business in the circuit court.

For genuine bargains go to C. N. Sonnesyn & Co's Great Closing Out Sale. Good goods at unheard of prices. 164 tf

Geo. L. and Marie Fallon, son and daughter of Geo. W. Fallon, of this city, went to St. Paul today to spend Christmas.

Hand bag, new line at H. P. Dunn's.

Get your boy's Christmas suit at O'Brien's at one fourth off regular price: 166tf

G. W. Pippey and Robert Ross returned yesterday from St. Paul, where they went with the remains of James Neary for burial.

Beautiful line of children's books at H. P. Dunn's.

The night school at the Brainerd Business College has proved a splendid success. The crowning feature of the evening course is the opportunity "to learn while you earn." 1t

C. E. Nelson, principal of the schools at Backus, was in Brainerd today enroute to his home in New London to spend the holidays.

Magnificent line of package perfumes in the new odors at H. P. Dunn's.

Money to loan on city property and improved farms.
GEORGE H. GARDNER,
5 Wise Block tf

Mrs. E. O. Parks and young son went to St. Paul to meet her son E. K. Parks, who is coming from Spokane to spend Christmas in the city.

For Christmas gifts see H. P. Dunn's windows.

The M. B. A. will give a dancing party at Elks' hall Tuesday evening to raise money to defray expenses of open installation. Tickets 25 cents. 169t2

The engine on the M. & I. passenger train was decorated for the season today. It came into town with a Christmas tree calmly reposing on its pilot.

Another shipment of Xmas gifts received this morning at H. P. Dunn's.

Universal bread makers are now a necessity in the kitchen. $2.00 and $2.50. Slipp-Gruenhagen Co. 165tf

M. Seigel, A. C. Rooney and J. Peters, machinists at the Northern Pacific shops, will all spend the holidays at their former homes at Oelwein, Ia.

High grade perfumes and toilet waters, quality guaranteed at H. P. Dunn's.

Bargain hunters should attend the closing out sale of C. N. Sonnesyn & Co., as rare bargains are offered daily. 154tf

A package of perfume makes an approprate gift, beautifnl line at H. P. Dunn's.

Al. Lambert, of Kabekona Camp, was in the city today, having come in on the early train from Motley his former home, where he had been visiting for a time.

20 year gold filled ladies watches from $8.00 to $15.00, at Burnett's.

Jacob Schmidt's bottle beer is delicious. We have the agency. Order a case. Telephone 164 John Coates Liquor Co. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casler, of Bemidji, were in the city today enroute from their home to Wadena, where they will spend the holidays with her parents.

Pains of women, head pains, or any pain, stopped in 20 minutes sure, with Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. See full formula on 25c box. Sold by H. P. Dunn. t t tf

Geo. Campbell, who has been making his home with Joseph Harrison, of Neutral, left this morning for Spring Green, Wis., where he will remain for some time.

Pastels, Carbons, Sepias, Platinums, Water Colors from original artists, also copies from the works of the old masters are shown at Marie A. Canan's. 159t4

J. G. Foley, of St. Paul, boiler inspector, was in the city yesterday looking over some of the boilers in the city. He left for the south this morning on the early train.

There is but one straight road to success, that is ability. If you want to increase your earning capacity place yourself under the supervision of the Brainerd Business College. 1t

F. Burt Mooers, editor of the Arena, left today for Minneapolis and Monticello, to be absent about a week. C. H. Sherman will be at the helm of the Arena during Mr. Mooers' absence.

McColl has the swellest candy in boxes you ever laid your eyes on. All prices up to $9.00 each. 2t

Col. Wm. Westermann, of St. Cloud, came up last night and was transacting business in this city today. Col. Westermann is head of the International Harvester Co.'s branch house at St. Cloud.

Have you seen H. P. Dunn's big line of toilet sets.

Handsome packages of perfumes at H. P. Dunn's.

Miss Ruby Brockway, who is a stenographer in the law office of A. L. Thwing, of Grand Rapids, arrived here today and will spend the holidays at thome of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brockway.

You can find a nice assortment of Christmas tree decorations at McColls. 2t

Sheriff M. McDonough, of Waseca county, was in the city today on his way home from from Big Falls with one Jesse Richter in custody. Richter was arrested at Big Falls on charge of forgeries committed in Waseca county some time ago.

Fancy French brick ice cream for your Christmas dinner. Order it today and be sure that you get it. J. D. McColl. 2t

Christmas candy in fancy boxes for your sweetheart at McColl's. 2t

M. W. Richards, the well known traveling man, left for Duluth this morning. This is Mr. Richards' last trip to Brainerd as the representative of the Kelly & How-Thompson Co. After New Years he takes territory on the range for the Marshall Wells Hardware Co.

Get your Christmas cards at McColl's. 2t

Christmas problems easily solved at H. P. Dunn's.

T. J. Tyler, the genial roadmaster on the second district of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific railway cheerfully predicts three feet of snowfall between now and Christmas noon. If he is a true prophet you will need your snow shoes and snow shovel.

The closing out sale of C. N. Sonnesyn & Co., successors to the Brainerd Lumber & Mercantile Co., is still in progress, and great bargains are offered. 154tf

Orne sells sewing machines, washing machines, rugs (all sizes) clocks and wringrss for cash or on easy payments at the Singer Store, O'Brien Block, Laurel street. 154tf

M. L. Manion, a conductor on the Great Northern, running between St. Paul and Sandstone, Minn., and residing in St. Paul, is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Alderman T. Toohey. Mr. Manion has many friends here who are glad to see him, as he lived in Brainerd prior to six years ago.

Don't forget Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th when Bertha Doud Mack, the greatest lady skater will be at the Casino Roller rink. Matinee Friday and Saturday afternoons. tf

The Security solicits the business and accounts of Farmers and Business men. This bank always keep in closer touch with the agricultural interests of Crow Wing county than with the affairs of Wall Street. t6

Nate Rosenthal, of New York, representing the S. & L. Clothing, was in the city yesterday selling spring goods to Henry Linnemann. Mr. Rosenthal states that he finds business conditions throughout the Northwest very much better than last year and there is, especially since election, much more general confidence.

The plan of 10c admission and skates in the afternoons for ladies and girls has proved so successful that the management of the Casino rink has decided to make that price right along until further notice. Come in the afternoon and learn to skate. tf

The Security bank was organized to do business largely with farmers, and especially solict their business. Our long experience and our intimate knowledge of the needs of our farmer customers, enable us to extend to them the most favorable accommodations. For the benefit of persons having idle money, we pay interest on certificates of deposit. Money to loan on approved collateral. We solicit your valuable patronage. All depositors look alike to us, their business is fully appreciated and receives careful attention at our hands. t6

The private car Grand Marias, belonging to John Miller, vice president and general manager of the Duluth & Northern Minnesota railroad, came down on No. 11 today after John A. Stevenson, of Duluth, who has been in the Northern Pacific hospital here. Mr. Stevenson, who underwent a surgical operation, is a prominent real estate man of Duluth. His wife came down to accompany him home.

A VERY PRETTY LINE OF MOTTOES

The Lazy Man's Dream

Now I get me up to shirk,
I hope I will not have to work.
If I should die before the night,
Thank God there'll be no work in sight, Amen.

A Few of our Beautiful Calendars Still Left

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My presence always laughter bring.
—BILLIKEN.

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Guns and Rifles - **$1.50** to **$40** each
Skates—all kinds **75c** to **$4** per pair
Fancy Tea and Coffee Pots **25c** to **$5**
Carving Set - - - **$1.25** to **$6** set
Pocket Knives—KEENE KUTTER and WESTER BROS.—the Best
Sissors and Shears, all kinds **25c** to **$1**
Safety Razors - - **$1** to **$8.50** set

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again at Luken's Big Store

Beautiful Gifts!
Never so good!
Never so cheap!
We can, we will,
We do,
supply just what everybody wants for Christmas.
If you want to buy right,
If you want to be treated right,
make our store HEADQUARTERS for yonr CHRISTMAS buying.

LUKEN'S BIG STORE
710 Front Street, Brainerd, Minnesota

MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Various Brainerd Churches are Preparing to Fitly Celebrate Christ's Birthday

GOOD PROGRAMS ARE PREPARED

Cantatas and Sacred Concerts Seem to be in Most Favor as Modes of Observance

Nearly, if not quite all, the churches of Brainerd will have some special celebration of the natal day of Jesus of Nazareth. Christmas tide, as is right and proper, has long been a season of merry making, especially for the little ones, and the churches have taken up the matter this year as usual. While it was impossible to get a line on all the churches in the city THE DISPATCH has secured information from as many as possible, which are given herewith:

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Christmas Day there will be two services in the forenoon, one at 8:30 which will be without a sermon, and one at 10 o'clock, at which service a sermon will be preached. On Sunday, December 27, in addition to the regular services there will be a short service with an address for the children at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The distribution of the Xmas gifts to the Sunday school will be made at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Dec. 28.

PEOPLE'S CHURCH

At the People's church, 507 Northeast Fourth avenue, Christmas will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, when a patriotic cantata entitled "Columbia's Christmas Givers" will be rendered by the Sunday school. The church has been handsomely decorated for the occasion and each child in the Sunday school will be given a sack of candy The entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At this church there will be an entertainment on Christmas Eve. There will be a fine literary and musical program presented and there will also be a Christmas tree. This church has this year adopted the plan of having the members of the Sunday school bring gifts to be distributed among the poor. Everyone attending is requested to bring a missionary offering of a fine large potato. This collection will be taken up at the close of the exercises and will be given to some poor family. Sacks of candy will be distributed to the children of the Sunday school.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

There will be mass celebrated at 6, 8, and 10 o'clock a. m. The 10 o'clock mass will be high mass at which an especially fine program of music suitable to the occasion will be given. On Sunday last, after Sunday school, the annual distribution of goodies was made to the pupils of the school.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the First Presbyterian church the entertainment will be given on Christmas night at 7:45 It will consist of a very pretty cantata entitled, "Christmas at Grandma's," which will be rendered by the Sunday school. There are many pretty solos and choruses in the cantata which will be followed by a social good time at which a box of candy will be given to each child in the Sunday school.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christmas program will be rendered at the First Methodist church on Christmas Eve at 7:45. The committee on arrangements heartily invites all the parents and friends to join with them. As usual, the students of the Sunday school will bring their gifts to the church, consisting of eatables, clothing and money, and the same will be distributed to families that will appreciate it. Last year the church and Sunday school gave handsomely to this cause and it is expected that this year's gifts will exceed last year. The following is the program:

Hymn—"Joy to the World" ..... Congregation
Reading—"Jes' 'fore Xmas" ..... Donald Davis
Class Song— ..... Mrs. E. K. Copper's class
Solo—"Christmas Bells" ..... Gladys Nitterauer
Class song—"Ring Xmas Bells" ..... Miss M. Burrell's class
Trio reading—Jack Dilley, Severe Coppersmith, Harlowe Coppersmith
Solo—"Star of the East" ..... Mildred Peterson

PART TWO

"The Journey of the Wise Men" ..... T. E. Nitterauer, E. L. Harmer
Reading—"The Dutch Emigrant Girl" Esther Belmont
Illustrated Dialogue—"Curious Candles" Dorothy Fisher, Gail Simmons, Beatrice Annette, Florence Weaver, Mildred Olson, Marion Copper, introducing a motion song.
"A Peace Council" ..... Indians and Chiefs
Reading—"Marian's Dream" ..... Beatrice Noble
Recitation—"Three Kings" ..... Mildred Farewell

PART THREE

First Xmas in Zanana introducing Mother Christmas.
Tableau—Immigrants, Chinese, Mrs. Curtis' class; Japanese, Miss C. Fuller's class; Indians, Mrs. F. J. Slipp's class; Wise Men, T. E. Nitterauer, E. L. Harmer.
Song—
"From Greenland's Icy Mountain"
Illumination of Xmas tree and distribution of gifts.

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Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up all hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." H. P. Dunn, druggist. mwf

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HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

A. O. Narrows, of This City Wandered all Night on Leech Lake in Snow Storm Last Week

A. O. Narrows, of this city, one of the best known and most experienced hunters and Indian traders in central northern Minnesota, is home from a trip to the Leech Lake country. He had an experience while up there which he never wants to repeat. One day last week he started from the Northland Pine Co.'s Camp Four, on the eastern shore of Leech Lake, for the home of an Indian chief living about ten miles from there across the lake in a westerly direction. When he left the camp, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, it was about as pleasant a winter day as is often seen, being clear and calm and not too cold. When about half way across he saw a storm coming and started to run, in hopes of reaching the shore before the storm hid it from view. The attempt proved vain, however, and in a short time he was in the midst of a blinding whirl of storm, which hid everything from sight. In fact, he said, he was scarcely able to see his hand before his face. He staggered blindly on, however, hour after hour, determined not to give up, though tempted scores of times to lie down and die. Darkness came on and still he plodded on. Finally, at 4 o'clock in the morning, he reached the shore of the lake. He says he had intended going back into the woods a little ways and building a fire, but he stumbled upon an Indian trail and decided to follow that About half an hour brought him to a wigwam where he found food and shelter. His feet were badly frozen, but he took off his shoes and stockings and walked barefoot for some in the snow, which prevented serious injuries. Later in the day the Indian whose wigwam he had found, took him to the home of another who had a pair of ponies and the latter took him back to Camp Four, charging him $5 for the trip, and he says it beat the first one, even at that price. He found that he reached shore about 25 miles from where he left it, and had no means of knowing how many miles he wandered aimlessly in the storm while on the lake. Mr. Narrows' feet are pretty sore yet, but he is able to be around and considers that he got off luckily even at that.

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SARGENT IS ACQUITTED

Jury in the Case of Herbert Sargent Charged With Grand Larceny of Hay Finds Him Not Guilty

The case of the state against Herbert Sargent, charged with stealing hay, was given to the jury about 10 o'clock today and about 2 o'clock they brought in a verdict of acquittal.

The court immediately upon the close of the Sargent case took one of those against Wm. Buber, charged with selling intoxicated liquors. A jury was secured about 2:45 today. W. W. Bane, attorney for Buber asked a continuance until tomorrow, but Judge McClenahan only consented to a recess until 3:15, at which time the consideration of the case was resumed.

Winter blasts, causing pneumonia, pleurisy and consumption will soon be here. Cure your cough now, and strenghten your lungs with Foley's Honey and Tar. Do not risk starting the winter with weak lungs, when Foley's Honey and Tar will cure the most obstinate coughs and colds, and prevent serious results. H. P. Dunn. m w f

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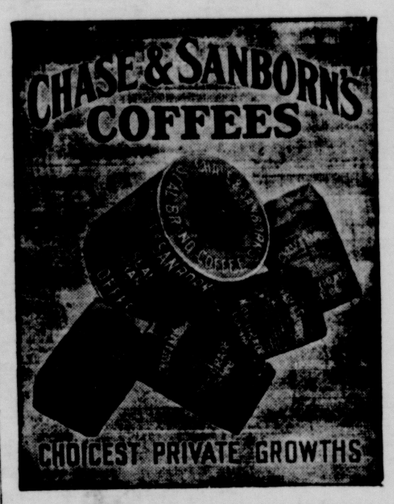

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The famous contempt of court case of the Buck Stove and Range Co. against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, was decided today, adversely to the Federation of Labor officials, by Justice Wright of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months.

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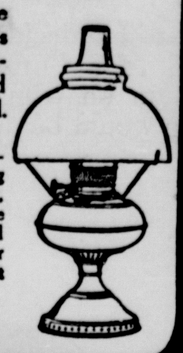

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FIRE DAMAGES A PLAYHOUSE

Breaks Out Just Before Close of Performance.

AUDIENCE GOES OUT QUIETLY

No Panic Occurs and No Person Is Injured—Actors and Chorus Girls Become Alarmed and Escape From the Burning Building in Their Stage Attire—Coolness of Theater Attaches Probably Prevented Calamity.

New York, Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square theater at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway ten minutes before the close of the evening performance, and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building had driven the actors and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and had caused great commotion among the theater crowds on Broadway. There was no panic and no one was injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theater building and spread to the executive offices, which are opposite the second gallery of the auditorium.

It was just ten minutes before the time for the performance to end when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theater attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors and told them to cut the play short. This was done and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience.

Did Not Know Fire Was Raging.

The big crowd shuffled slowly out not knowing that a fire was being fought in the upper gallery. Most of them soon reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for the wraps to be taken from the cloak rooms. As the flames began to gain headway the theater employes urged the tardy ones to hurry out and told them there was a fire in the theater. Some of them left without waiting for their wraps.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorus and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance in scant and unconventional attire. The chorus girls beat a hasty retreat for cover to a hotel, where they were made comfortable.

An alarm quickly brought the fire engines and water was turned upon the flames. Some time after the fire was practically out the theater gallery fell and a moment later thirty-five feet of the roof on the Broadway end of the building came down. The loss is placed at between $50,000 and $60,000.

A saloon and cigar store next door were practically destroyed.

The fire caused a tremendous jam in the neighborhood of Herald square. So great was the crush in the neighborhood that the absence of any casualties seemed surprising.

Only the coolness of the theater attaches prevented anything in the way of a panic. When the curtain was lowered upon final ensemble the orchestra continued to play, and Police Inspector McCloskey and Deputy Police Commissioner Hanson, who were in the audience, went quickly to the exits and quietly reassured those who had discovered the smoke in the second gallery.

Earthquakes at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Two slight earthquake shocks lasting less than three seconds were felt here and in the cities about the bay. No damage was done.

THREE KILLED IN A FIGHT

And an Officer Mortally Wounded at Ocilla, Ga.

Ocilla, Ga., Dec. 23.—Within a stone's throw of each other, three men were instantly killed and a policeman was mortally wounded here. The dead are:

Charlie Moore, Virgil Moore and Leonard Smith.

The fatally wounded policeman is Cain Walters.

Jack Sheppard and Charlie Moore met Policeman Walters on the street. Just after passing the officer, Sheppard, it is stated, fired a giant cannon cracker. The officer mildly remonstrated with him for the act, whereupon Moore took the side of Sheppard and a quarrel ensued.

Moore, it is said, attacked the officer with his pistol, shooting at short range. Sheppard got out of the way and took no further hand in the tragedy. The officer, though mortally wounded by Moore's first bullet, fired upon Moore as the latter ran, the ball striking Moore squarely in the back. He ran across the street and fell lifeless.

While the duel between the officer and Charlie Moore was in progress, Leonard Smith, a son of Chief of Police Smith, rushed to the officer's aid. At this juncture Virgil Moore went to the assistance of his brother Charlie and, it is said, fired upon Smith. Smith returned the fire. Both fell dead at almost the same instant.

THROWS ACID IN HIS FACE

Woman Destroys Sight of One of a Mayor's Eyes.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 23.—Dr. Charles E. Smith, mayor of this city, lost the sight of one eye and was partially blinded in the other when one of his women patients visited his office and threw carbolic acid over his face and head, according to the story told by Dr. Smith, his wife, and Miss Albert Shrope, the doctor's stenographer. Before throwing the acid, Dr. Smith says, the woman threatened to shoot him, but he disarmed her. Dr. Smith believes the woman insane. He said that he had treated her for nervous trouble and rheumatism, and had been warned that she had threatened his life.

SMALL INCREASE IS SHOWN

In the Alien Population of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The increase in the alien population of the United States in the year ending Sept. 30, last, was only 6,298.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus called the attention of President Roosevelt to these figures.

According to Secretary Straus, 724,112 foreigners came to this country in the year between Oct. 1, 1907, and Sept. 30, last, but during the same period 717,814 foreigners left our shores for their own countries.

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CORROBORATE MRS. ANNIS' TESTIMONY

Two More Witnesses Testify in the Hains Case.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Testimony of a character designed to corroborate the stories of the killing of William E. Annis, which have been told in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, was developed from several of the prosecution's witnesses. District Attorney Darrin told Justice Crane when court adjourned that the state would probably take a week to complete its case.

William Knapp, a Bayside Yacht club member, was given a rigorous cross-examination after testifying that while sailing toward the dock after the impromptu boat race he heard shooting and saw Mrs. Annis run down the runway.

"I saw her move across the float," continued Knapp, "then she was stopped and she went back up the runway again. Someone took her by the arm at the runway. I couldn't see who stopped her because she was hidden by the jib of the Annis boat."

Mrs. Helen E. Annis testified Monday that Thornton Hains turned her back with a revolver when she ran across the float toward her wounded husband.

John C. Stephens, another fellow club member of Annis, caused a sensation when he testified that he heard the defendant say after the shooting that "I came to protect my brother and would have shot anybody who interfered."

Lawyer McIntyre endeavored to shatter the testimony of Mr. Stephens, but his evidence remained unchanged when he left the stand.

Both the witnesses, Knapp and Stephens, asserted on the stand that there was a noticeable interval between the first and subsequent shots fired by Captain Hains at William E Annis.

MURDERER IS ELECTROCUTED

Much Talked of Attempt to Resuscitate Him Not Made.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Giacinto Ricci was electrocuted at the New Jersey prison at night.

The much talked of test to resuscitate the electrocuted man was not attempted. County Physician Scammel who had threatened to make the test was not present and made no demand for the body. Head Keeper Osborne of the state prison had been advised by the attorney general that the county physician had no rights or duties in the premises.

Ricci was convicted of assault and murder of a three-year-old girl at Cliffwood, N. J., in September last.

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WOMAN ASKED PROTECTION

Witness Against Night Riders Refused to Leave Court.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said:

"I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the riders, corroborated Fred Fehringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Dora Jackson, who corroborated her mother.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider who has turned state's evidence. He was trembling with fear and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. Russell is under constant guard, but believes that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehringer, and corroborated it in every essential detail.

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CASTRO'S RULE FINALLY ENDED

Former Dictator of Venezuela Shorn of Power.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Alleged to Have Plotted the Assassination of Acting President Gomez. Attempt Frustrated by the Prompt Action of the Acting Chief Executive—Bank of Venezuela Cancels Castro's Unlimited Letter of Credit.

Caracas, Dec. 23.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who had governed the republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899, is now openly charged with conspiracy to compass the assassination of the man he left at the head of republic when he sailed away on Nov. 23 from La Guayra, nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today thoroughly discredited. The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris canceling the unlimited letter of credit given to President Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe, and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital. The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president.

The attempt upon the life of Gomez was frustrated by the cool nerve and courageous daring of the acting president himself. Alone and unsupported, he arrested the ringleaders of the conspiracy with his own hands in the presence of their armed adherents, and after this action he issued a proclamation saying that not only had he saved his own life, but he had maintained the higher ideals of the chief magistracy of the republic.

Already the new administration shows signs of a desire and intention to settle the disputes between Venezuela and certain foreign powers that have kept the republic in a light of unenviable notoriety for several years past.

At a conference held in Caracas between Acting President Gomez and Baron von Seckendorf, the German minister, who is in charge of the interests of Holland since the departure of the Dutch minister, M de Reus, last summer, it was agreed to suspend the operation of the decree issued by President Castro prohibiting the transshipment at Willemstad of goods destined for Venezuela.

Pending the signing of a treaty between Holland and a duly empowered Venezuelan commissioner, the Dutch warships that have been patrolling the Venezuelan coast for nearly three weeks will be withdrawn.

The attempt to assassinate Acting President Gomez and several of the ministers was decided upon on Friday

CYPRIANO CASTRO.

night, Dec. 18. Gomez heard of the plot that same night and the next morning took the personal stand that nipped it in the bud.

The men concerned in the conspiracy were President Castro's closest friends and best known adherents. Secret cipher cablegrams have passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here since the popular anti-Castro demonstrations of Dec. 13 and 14. A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high federal court, charging President Castro with complicity in the plot to assassinate and proposing his impeachment.

EXPECTED AT WASHINGTON

Revulsion of Feeling Against Castro's Administration.

Washington, Dec. 23.—That this government has been expecting a revulsion of feeling in Venezuela against the administration of President Castro that would be manifested probably in the form of a revolution, has been no secret. For this reason the state department has not been disposed to push the Venezuelan authorities by forceful or retaliatory measures to agree to a settlement of the various claims now pending, preferring to let matters take their course, believing in the end that the situation would work itself out.

The events of the past week in Caracas, including the formation of a new cabinet from which is eliminated the Castro influence, and the other manifestations of feeling against the president, they say justify the conclusions they formed long ago. Withal, however, it is pointed out, the president has many friends throughout the country who will rally to his standard and with whom the authorities at Caracas may have to reckon. That there would be a revolution following the president's departure for Europe was fully expected, but that it would be accomplished without bloodshed was hardly expected.

Continued reticence is manifested at the navy department regarding the movements of the battleship Maine, which left Norfolk Monday on a cruise, and other vessels of the navy whose destination is believed to be the West Indies or Venezuela. One of the theories advanced is that these ships would patrol the various passages in the West Indies to intercept any filibustering expedition from this country in aid of any revolutionary movement in Venezuela.

OFFICER SLAIN BY NEGROES

Several Other Persons Wounded in Battle in Kentucky.

London, Ky., Dec. 23.—While attempting to arrest some negroes who were accused of robbing the mines at Artemus, a mining town north of this place, Officer Brooks and a negro named Soley were killed, and another officer, Robert Smith, was fatally wounded, besides others being seriously hurt. The negroes opened fire on the approaching officers and a general fusillade resulted.

COUNCILMAN CAUGHT IN ACT

Photographed While Accepting Bribe From a Decoy.

WHILE POSING AS PROMOTER

Detective Gets City Official to Tell of Negotiations to Secure Passage of Desired Legislation—Other Sleuths in Concealment Hear the Story. Officers Who Paid to Have Their Bank Made City Depository Resign.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—A flashlight photograph of a member of councils in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter," it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented when seven members of councils and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts brought by the Voters' league. This picture, it is said, was taken in a private room in a downtown hotel immediately before the councilman was arrested.

No additional arrests have been made and it is said that none are likely to be made until after the hearing. There was a report current that a dozen or more members of council who had been summoned to the department of public safety were undergoing a sweating process and that arrests were likely to follow, but it is authoritatively announced that these men were not under suspicion, but were called in by the officers to give them information regarding a number of measures recently before council and to furnish certain data.

It is also denied that any of those under suspicion have left the city since the exposure and that all whom the detectives think may possibly be wanted later are being kept under surveillance, officers being on guard at all city and suburban stations.

Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent of the Hufling Detective agency of Scranton, Pa., which worked up the cases. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city and to have become very intimate with the councilman. With other detectives concealed within hearing distance, the councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name the other members who were

To Share in the Bribe

and to say that the members were tired of promises and wanted to see some real money. It was while the money was being shown that the flash was ignited. The councilman, it is said, broke down and wept and when he accused his companion of trapping him there was no denial. Then an officer appeared and made the arrest.

Bank Examiner Harrison Nesbit is expected to testify to finding a suspicious entry in the books of the German National bank accounting for $17,500 and that President W. W. Ramsey and Cashier A. A. Vilsack of the bank, upon being summoned before the directors, admitted that that sum had been expended to secure the selection of the bank as a city depository. The directors repudiated the action of the officers and immediately asked and received the resignation of the officers. It is practically admitted that a number of decoy contractors and promoters were introduced to trap councilmen and that many temptations have been offered members during the past six months.

In some quarters it is believed that Mayor Guthrie was back of the probe, he having been an attorney for the Voters' league some years ago when it made a winning fight against a street car line on the boulevard, a main thoroughfare from the downtown district to the East End. The mayor declines to discuss any of the details of the probe, but since the affair was give publicity Monday night all departments of his administration have been active in the matter. The mayor opposed the city depositories legislation from the first, refusing to make contracts authorized by councils because the depositories selected were to pay but 2 per cent on daily balances, while other banks offered 2½ per cent.

Friends of some of the accused men charge that the whole probe is a part of a scheme to elect an independent candidate for mayor yet to be named

French Barque Probably Lost.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 23.—A cablegram from St. Pierre, Miquelon, states that the French barque Artere, which left France on Nov. 8 with a consignment of salt for the firm of Gaston & Menier, has probably been lost with her crew of seventeen men.

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For the holiday rush
So come for quality and service

Come in the morning
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WARRING CHURCH FACTIONS CLASH

Four Persons Seriously Hurt During the Battle.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Warring factions of a Catholic congregation in Homestead, a suburb, engaged in a riot in which four persons were seriously injured and several hundred Slavs were slightly cut or bruised. Twenty-five of the participants have been arrested and are in jail and warrants are being prepared for at least one-half of the 500 participants in the melee. After the Homestead riot had been quelled with the aid of the fire department, the rioters went to Munhall, where they destroyed the interior of St. Michael's Slavonic parochial school, home of the new priest, Rev. M. C. Flarginsky, whose life they vainly sought. The seriously injured are: John Lamb of the Homestead police; Patrick Pyle, Munhall police sergeant; William Stevens, coal and iron policeman; John Sakinsky, Homestead policeman; unknown Slavish woman.

The trouble was over the removal of furniture from St. Michael's Slavonic Roman Catholic church to the parochial school at Munhall, a nearby borough, by a new pastor.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BURN

Mail Coach Loaded With Them Is Destroyed by Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A mail coach loaded with Christmas presents was burned, five mail clerks barely escaped with their lives, while one was injured in jumping to safety, and an engine was derailed and overturned when a southbound Baltimore and Ohio railroad freight train crashed into a westbound Chicago and Alton passenger train in the West Side of Chicago. As soon as the trains struck a gas tank in the mail coach exploded and set fire to it and the piles of Christmas mail.

Many passengers were badly shaken up.

Toler Found Not Guilty.

Toledo, Ia., Dec. 23.—The county court here was the scene of a wildly enthusiastic demonstration when the jury in the case of W. F. Toler, accused of killing George W. Davies at Marshalltown, after being out one hour and ten minutes, brought in a verdict of not guilty. While the excitement was at its height the accused man's wife threw herself into her husband's arms and fainted.

Workman Killed.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—By the giving way of the false work under a bridge at Port Marion, John Gallagher of Vincent, O., was killed; two workmen were badly injured and five others were thrown into the river and were rescued with difficulty.

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ILLUSTRATED SONG
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Will Surely Stop That Cough.

Miss Bertha D. Mack

This is the young woman who entertained a large number of skater skate enthusiasts at the Duluth Temple Rink last evening. It was the first of a series of exhibitions and took fine. Miss Mack has all the tricks that the average performer shows and then a whole lot more. What appeals strongest to the large number of spectators, however, is the graceful manner in which she executed everything she did. Miss Mack will be at the Casino Roller Rink Thursday, Friday and Saturday with matinees on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Admission will be only 10c.

CASINO Roller Rink

Special Sale of Black Diamonds for Xmas Presents

THE NORTHWESTERN FUEL CO. have a carefully selected assortment of coal of all kinds on hand and as there is a cold wave predicted for the 24th of this month would it not be a good policy to put in a few tons of our good coal, so as to avoid the rush when the cold wave gets here.

We have bought all our coal with only one object in view, that is to obtain the best coal with the most heat units, which we could find. We think we have succeeded and firmly believe a trial order will convince any one of this fact.

The quality of our goods are remembered, long after the prices are forgotten.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1908

Christmas at the Postoffice

The general delivery window at the postoffice will be open on Christmas morning between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock and again in the afternoon immediately following the arrival and distribution of the mail from the south. There will be a forenoon delivery by carrier and in the afternoon the carrier's windows will be open after the mail from the south is distributed. No money order business will be transacted.

3t N. H. INGERSOLL, P. M.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

H. P. Dunn's prices please the purse.

Choice line of Xmas gifts at H. P. Dunn's.

Wm. Ennis, of St. Cloud, was at the Earl last night.

Gifts for young and old, just what they want at H. P. Dunn's.

Mack Lennan, of the International Falls Press, was in the city today.

John Johnson, of Crow Wing, went to Fargo today to spend Christmas.

Math. Steilin, of Little Falls, was registered at the Globe hotel last night.

Those handsome books make acceptable gifts a large line at H. P. Dunn's.

City property to trade for land or land for city property. Enquire of T. E. Welch. 165tf

Frames, Frames, Frames of every description at Marie A. Canan's. 169t4

Miss Lou P. Barrett left today for Wadena to spend Christmas with relatives.

Catchy, Cunning and Christmassy are the novelty pictures at Marie A. Canan's. 169t4

S. H. Olson, of Kewatin, Ontario, was registered at the City hotel last night.

Aluminum cooking utensils at Slipp-Gruenhagen's. 165tf

W. H. and H. B. Oliver, of Pine River, were registered at the Earl last night.

Come and see our new line of library lamps at D. M. Clark & Co.'s. 139tf

All our watches thoroughly guaranteed at Burnett's.

Mrs. Robert Chesney, of Aldrich, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Golemboske.

Store your household goods with D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

Have you seen our 20 year filled ladies watches at $12.00, at Burnett's.

Dr. W. G. Cameron, of Staples, was in the city this forenoon, returning home on No. 11,

Found—A ladies 20 year filled gold watch for $8.00 to $12.00 at Burnett's

Have you seen our 20 year filled ladies watches at $12.00, at Burnett's.

Victor Johnson, of Ft. Ripley, was in the city today enroute to Duluth to spend the holidays.

Leave your order for storm sash with D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

As usual we have a choice line of the Porter Water colors. Marie A. Canan's. 169t4

Julius Brandt, of Deerwood, was visiting his brother-in-law, Deputy Sheriff Theorin, yesterday.

Mixed hard wood, stove length, for sale at $3.50 per load. Phones 111 or 18J3. 152 1 mo

Miss Larson, of Crow Wing, was in the city today enroute to Fargo to visit friends for a few days.

Runners to fit any Go-Cart, 75c the pair at Hoffman's.

O. E. Culver, of Deerwood, came down last night and transacted business in Brainerd today.

The Bissell carpet sweeper makes a nice present for mother. See them at Slipp-Gruenhagen Co's. 165tf

Oliver Grenier and family went to Topeka, Minn., today to spend Christmas with relatives.

20 year gold filled ladies watches from $8.00 to $15.00, at Burnett's.

Two full cords of lath edging delivered to any part of the city, for $5.00. Wm. Wood, office Wise block. Phones office 187, mill 43. tf

Mrs. John Kinsmiller and daughters went to St. Cloud today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Does your stove smoke? Try Anti Carbon, sold by D. M. Clark & Co. tf

Mark Fleenor and his friend H. R. Snyder, returned today from a couple of days spent at Bemidji.

Found—A ladies 20 year filled gold watch for $8.00 to $12.00 at Burnett's.

Steven Queeney, a machinist at the Northern Pacific shops, left today for Paul to spend Christmas.

We can save you money on silver plated knives, forks and spoons. C. L. Burntet.

Miss Fannie Graham went to Staples today to visit at the home of her brother, Byron, for a few days.

We can save you money on silver plated knives, forks and spoons. C. L. Burnett.

Miss Maud Allen, of Minneapolis, was in the city last night on her way to visit her mother at Aitkin.

All our watches thoroughly guaranteed at Burnett's.

George H. Gardner went to the twin cities today on legal business. He expects to be absent a couple of days.

We have 25 second hand coal and wood heaters to be sold for storage. D. M. Clark & Co. 13tf

Miss Carrie E. Minnich came up from St. Cloud today to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wieland,

D. M. Clark & Co. the oldest installment house in the city. Goods sold on easy terms. 139tf

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Weber left this morning for Waterloo and Oelwein, Iowa, to visit relatives during the holidays.

The new term at the Brainerd Business College begins Jan. 4 Special rates offered to students who enter at the opening. 1t

Casper Heitz, of Freeport, Ill., was at the Earl hotel yesterday to attend to business in the circuit court.

For genuine bargains go to C. N. Sonnesyn & Co's Great Closing Cut Sale. Good goods at unheard of prices. 164 tf

Geo. L. and Marie Fallon, son and daughter of Geo. W. Fallon, of this city, went to St. Paul today to spend Christmas.

Hand bag, new line at H. P. Dunn's.

Get your boy's Christmas suit at O'Brien's at one fourth off regular price: 166tf

G. W. Pippey and Robert Ross returned yesterday from St. Paul, where they went with the remains of James Neary for burial.

Beautiful line of children's books at H. P. Dunn's.

The night school at the Brainerd Business College has proved a splendid success. The crowning feature of the evening course is the opportunity "to learn while you earn." 1t

C. E. Nelson, principal of the schools at Backus, was in Brainerd today enroute to his home in New London to spend the holidays.

Magnificent line of package perfumes in the new odors at H. P. Dunn's.

Money to loan on city property and improved farms.
GEORGE H. GARDNER,
5 Wise Block tf

Mrs. E. O. Parks and young son went to St. Paul to meet her son E. K. Parks, who is coming from Spokane to spend Christmas in the city.

For Christmas gifts see H. P. Dunn's windows.

The M. B. A. will give a dancing party at Elks' hall Tuesday evening to raise money to defray expenses of open installation. Tickets 25 cents. 169t2

The engine on the M. & I. passenger train was decorated for the season today. It came into town with a Christmas tree calmly reposing on its pilot.

Another shipment of Xmas gifts received this morning at H. P. Dunn's.

Universal bread makers are now a necessity in the kitchen. $2.00 and $2.50. Slipp-Gruenhagen Co. 165tf

M. Seigel, A. C. Rooney and J. Peters, machinists at the Northern Pacific shops, will all spend the holidays at their former homes at Oelwein, Ia.

High grade perfumes and toilet waters, quality guaranteed at H. P. Dunn's.

Bargain hunters should attend the closing out sale of C. N. Sonnesyn & Co., as rare bargains are offered daily. 154tf

A package of perfume makes an approprate gift, beautifnl line at H. P. Dunn's.

Al. Lambert, of Kabekona Camp, was in the city today, having come in on the early train from Motley his former home, where he had been visiting for a time.

20 year gold filled ladies watches from $8.00 to $15.00, at Burnett's.

Jacob Schmidt's bottle beer is delicious. We have the agency. Order a case. Telephone 164 John Coates Liquor Co. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casler, of Bemidji, were in the city today enroute from their home to Wadena, where they will spend the holidays with her parents.

Pains of women, head pains, or any pain, stopped in 20 minutes sure, with Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. See full formula on 25c box. Sold by H. P. Dunn. t t tf

Geo. Campbell, who has been making his home with Joseph Harrison, of Neutral, left this morning for Spring Green, Wis., where he will remain for some time.

Pastels, Carbons, Sepias, Platinums, Water Colors from original artists, also copies from the works of the old masters are shown at Marie A. Canan's. 159t4

J. G. Foley, of St. Paul, boiler inspector, was in the city yesterday looking over some of the boilers in the city. He left for the south this morning on the early train.

There is but one straight road to success, that is ability. If you want to increase your earning capacity place yourself under the supervision of the Brainerd Business College. 1t

F. Burt Mooers, editor of the Arena, left today for Minneapolis and Monticello, to be absent about a week. C. H. Sherman will be at the helm of the Arena during Mr. Mooers' absence.

McColl has the swellest candy in boxes you ever laid your eyes on. All prices up to $9.00 each. 2t

Col. Wm. Westermann, of St. Cloud, came up last night and was transacting business in this city today. Col. Westermann is head of the International Harvester Co.'s branch house at St. Cloud.

Have you seen H. P. Dunn's big line of toilet sets.

Handsome packages of perfumes at H. P. Dunn's.

Miss Ruby Brockway, who is a stenographer in the law office of A. L. Thwing, of Grand Rapids, arrived here today and will spend the holidays at thome of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brockway.

You can find a nice assortment of Christmas tree decorations at McColls. 2t

Sheriff M. McDonough, of Waseca county, was in the city today on his way home from from Big Falls with one Jesse Richter in custody. Richter was arrested at Big Falls on charge of forgeries committed in Waseca county some time ago.

Fancy French brick ice cream for your Christmas dinner. Order it today and be sure that you get it. J. D. McColl. 2t

Christmas candy in fancy boxes for your sweetheart at McColl's. 2t

M. W. Richards, the well known traveling man, left for Duluth this morning. This is Mr. Richards' last trip to Brainerd as the representative of the Kelly & How-Thompson Co. After New Years he takes territory on the range for the Marshall Wells Hardware Co.

Get your Christmas cards at McColl's. 2t

Christmas problems easily solved at H. P. Dunn's.

T. J. Tyler, the genial roadmaster on the second district of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific railway cheerfully predicts three feet of snowfall between now and Christmas noon. If he is a true prophet you will need your snow shoes and snow shovel.

The closing out sale of C. N. Sonnesyn & Co., successors to the Brainerd Lumber & Mercantile Co., is still in progress, and great bargains are offered. 154tf

Orne sells sewing machines, washing machines, rugs (all sizes) clocks and wringrss for cash or on easy payments at the Singer Store, O'Brien Block, Laurel street. 154tf

M. L. Manion, a conductor on the Great Northern, running between St. Paul and Sandstone, Minn., and residing in St. Paul, is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Alderman T. Toohey. Mr. Manion has many friends here who are glad to see him, as he lived in Brainerd prior to six years ago.

Don't forget Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th when Bertha Doud Mack, the greatest lady skater will be at the Casino Roller rink. Matinee Friday and Saturday afternoons. tf

The Security solicits the business and accounts of Farmers and Business men. This bank always keep in closer touch with the agricultural interests of Crow Wing county than with the affairs of Wall Street. t6

Nate Rosenthal, of New York, representing the S. & L. Clothing, was in the city yesterday selling spring goods to Henry Linnemann. Mr. Rosenthal states that he finds business conditions throughout the Northwest very much better than last year and there is, especially since election, much more general confidence.

The plan of 10c admission and skates in the afternoons for ladies and girls has proved so successful that the management of the Casino rink has decided to make that price right along until further notice. Come in the afternoon and learn to skate. tf

The Security bank was organized to do business largely with farmers, and especially solict their business. Our long experience and our intimate knowledge of the needs of our farmer customers, enable us to extend to them the most favorable accommodations. For the benefit of persons having idle money, we pay interest on certificates of deposit. Money to loan on approved collateral. We solicit your valuable patronage. All depositors look alike to us, their business is fully appreciated and receives careful attention at our hands. t6

The private car Grand Marias, belonging to John Miller, vice president and general manager of the Duluth & Northern Minnesota railroad, came down on No. 11 today after John A. Stevenson, of Duluth, who has been in the Northern Pacific hospital here. Mr. Stevenson, who underwent a surgical operation, is a prominent real estate man of Duluth. His wife came down to accompany him home.

A VERY PRETTY LINE OF MOTTOES

The Lazy Man's Dream

Now I get me up to shirk,
I hope I will not have to work.
If I should die before the night,
Thank God there'll be no work in sight, Amen.

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I am the God of better things,
My presence always laughter bring.
—BILLIKEN.

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Skates—all kinds **75c** to **$4** per pair
Fancy Tea and Coffee Pots **25c** to **$5**
Carving Set - - - **$1.25** to **$6** set
Pocket Knives—KEENE KUTTER and WESTER BROS.—the Best
Sissors and Shears, all kinds **25c** to **$1**
Safety Razors - - **$1** to **$8.50** set

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Various Brainerd Churches are Preparing to Fitly Celebrate Christ's Birthday

GOOD PROGRAMS ARE PREPARED

Cantatas and Sacred Concerts Seem to be in Most Favor as Modes of Observance

Nearly, if not quite all, the churches of Brainerd will have some special celebration of the natal day of Jesus of Nazareth. Christmas tide, as is right and proper, has long been a season of merry making, especially for the little ones, and the churches have taken up the matter this year as usual. While it was impossible to get a line on all the churches in the city THE DISPATCH has secured information from as many as possible, which are given herewith:

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Christmas Day there will be two services in the forenoon, one at 8:30 which will be without a sermon, and one at 10 o'clock, at which service a sermon will be preached. On Sunday, December 27, in addition to the regular services there will be a short service with an address for the children at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The distribution of the Xmas gifts to the Sunday school will be made at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Dec. 28.

PEOPLE'S CHURCH

At the People's church, 507 Northeast Fourth avenue, Christmas will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, when a patriotic cantata entitled "Columbia's Christmas Givers" will be rendered by the Sunday school. The church has been handsomely decorated for the occasion and each child in the Sunday school will be given a sack of candy The entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At this church there will be an entertainment on Christmas Eve. There will be a fine literary and musical program presented and there will also be a Christmas tree. This church has this year adopted the plan of having the members of the Sunday school bring gifts to be distributed among the poor. Everyone attending is requested to bring a missionary offering of a fine large potato. This collection will be taken up at the close of the exercises and will be given to some poor family. Sacks of candy will be distributed to the children of the Sunday school.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

There will be mass celebrated at 6, 8, and 10 o'clock a. m. The 10 o'clock mass will be high mass at which an especially fine program of music suitable to the occasion will be given. On Sunday last, after Sunday school, the annual distribution of goodies was made to the pupils of the school.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the First Presbyterian church the entertainment will be given on Christmas night at 7:45 It will consist of a very pretty cantata entitled, "Christmas at Grandma's," which will be rendered by the Sunday school. There are many pretty solos and choruses in the cantata which will be followed by a social good time at which a box of candy will be given to each child in the Sunday school.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christmas program will be rendered at the First Methodist church on Christmas Eve at 7:45. The committee on arrangements heartily invites all the parents and friends to join with them. As usual, the students of the Sunday school will bring their gifts to the church, consisting of eatables, clothing and money, and the same will be distributed to families that will appreciate it. Last year the church and Sunday school gave handsomely to this cause and it is expected that this year's gifts will exceed last year. The following is the program:

Hymn—"Joy to the World"..... Congregation
Reading—"Jes' 'fore Xmas"..... Donald Davis
Class Song—..... Mrs. E. K. Copper's class
Solo—"Christmas Bells"..... Gladys Nitterauer
Class song—"Ring Xmas Bells"..... Miss M. Burrell's class
Trio reading—Jack Dilley, Severe Coppersmith, Harlowe Coppersmith
Solo—"Star of the East"..... Mildred Peterson

PART TWO

"The Journey of the Wise Men"..... T. E. Nitterauer, E. L. Harmer
Reading—"The Dutch Emigrant Girl" Esther Belmont
Illustrated Dialogue—"Curious Candles" Dorothy Fisher, Gail Simmons, Beatrice Annette, Florence Weaver, Mildred Olson, Marion Copper, introducing a motion song.
"A Peace Council"..... Indians and Chiefs
Reading—"Marian's Dream"..... Beatrice Noble
Recitation—"Three Kings"..... Mildred Farewell

PART THREE

First Xmas in Zanana introducing Mother Christmas.
Tableau—Immigrants, Chinese, Mrs. Curtis' class; Japanese, Miss C. Fuller's class; Indians, Mrs. F. J. Slipp's class; Wise Men, T. E. Nitterauer, E. L. Harmer.
Song—
"From Greenland's Icy Mountain"
Illumination of Xmas tree and distribution of gifts.

Mrs. McRaney's Experience

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HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

A. O. Narrows, of This City Wandered all Night on Leech Lake in Snow Storm Last Week

A. O. Narrows, of this city, one of the best known and most experienced hunters and Indian traders in central northern Minnesota, is home from a trip to the Leech Lake country. He had an experience while up there which he never wants to repeat. One day last week he started from the Northland Pine Co.'s Camp Four, on the eastern shore of Leech Lake, for the home of an Indian chief living about ten miles from there across the lake in a westerly direction. When he left the camp, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, it was about as pleasant a winter day as is often seen, being clear and calm and not too cold. When about half way across he saw a storm coming and started to run, in hopes of reaching the shore before the storm hid it from view. The attempt proved vain, however, and in a short time he was in the midst of a blinding whirl of storm, which hid everything from sight. In fact, he said, he was scarcely able to see his hand before his face. He staggered blindly on, however, hour after hour, determined not to give up, though tempted scores of times to lie down and die. Darkness came on and still he plodded on. Finally, at 4 o'clock in the morning, he reached the shore of the lake. He says he had intended going back into the woods a little ways and building a fire, but he stumbled upon an Indian trail and decided to follow that About half an hour brought him to a wigwam where he found food and shelter. His feet were badly frozen, but he took off his shoes and stockings and walked barefoot for some in the snow, which prevented serious injuries. Later in the day the Indian whose wigwam he had found, took him to the home of another who had a pair of ponies and the latter took him back to Camp Four, charging him $5 for the trip, and he says it beat the first one, even at that price. He found that he reached shore about 25 miles from where he left it, and had no means of knowing how many miles he wandered aimlessly in the storm while on the lake. Mr. Narrows' feet are pretty sore yet, but he is able to be around and considers that he got off luckily even at that.

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SARGENT IS ACQUITTED

Jury in the Case of Herbert Sargent Charged With Grand Larceny of Hay Finds Him Not Guilty

The case of the state against Herbert Sargent, charged with stealing hay, was given to the jury about 10 o'clock today and about 2 o'clock they brought in a verdict of acquittal.

The court immediately upon the close of the Sargent case took one of those against Wm. Buber, charged with selling intoxicated liquors. A jury was secured about 2:45 today. W. W. Bane, attorney for Buber asked a continuance until tomorrow, but Judge McClenahan only consented to a recess until 3:15, at which time the consideration of the case was resumed.

Winter blasts, causing pneumonia, pleurisy and consumption will soon be here. Cure your cough now, and strenghten your lungs with Foley's Honey and Tar. Do not risk starting the winter with weak lungs, when Foley's Honey and Tar will cure the most obstinate coughs and colds, and prevent serious results. H. P. Dunn. m w f

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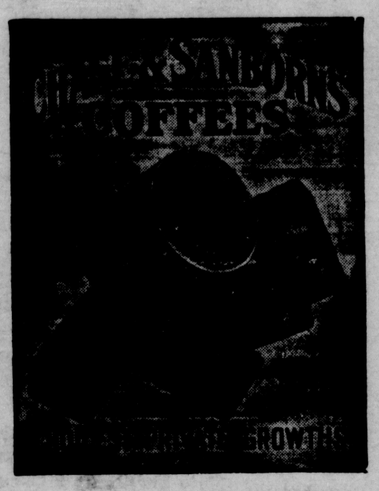

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GOMPERS IS IN CONTEMPT

SPECIAL TO THE DISPATCH.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The famous contempt of court case of the Buck Stove and Range Co. against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, was decided today, adversely to the Federation of Labor officials, by Justice Wright of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months.

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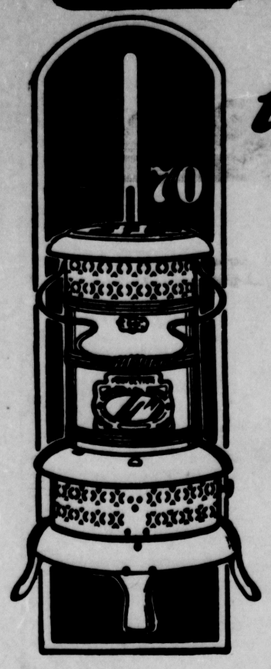

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FIRE DAMAGES A PLAYHOUSE

Breaks Out Just Before Close of Performance.

AUDIENCE GOES OUT QUIETLY

No Panic Occurs and No Person is Injured—Actors and Chorus Girls Become Alarmed and Escape From the Burning Building in Their Stage Attire—Coolness of Theater Attaches Probably Prevented Calamity.

New York, Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square theater at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway ten minutes before the close of the evening performance, and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building had driven the actors and chorus into the streets in their scant costumes and had caused great commotion among the theater crowds on Broadway. There was no panic and no one was injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theater building and spread to the executive offices, which are opposite the second gallery of the auditorium.

It was just ten minutes before the time for the performance to end when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theater attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors and told them to cut the play short. This was done and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience.

Did Not Know Fire Was Raging.

The big crowd shuffled slowly out not knowing that a fire was being fought in the upper gallery. Most of them soon reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for the wraps to be taken from the cloak rooms. As the flames began to gain headway the theater employes urged the tardy ones to hurry out and told them there was a fire in the theater. Some of them left without waiting for their wraps.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorus and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance in scant and unconventional attire. The chorus girls beat a hasty retreat for cover to a hotel, where they were made comfortable.

An alarm quickly brought the fire engines and water was turned upon the flames. Some time after the fire was practically out the theater gallery fell and a moment later thirty-five feet of the roof on the Broadway end of the building came down. The loss is placed at between $50,000 and $60,000.

A saloon and cigar store next door were practically destroyed.

The fire caused a tremendous jam in the neighborhood of Herald square. So great was the crush in the neighborhood that the absence of any casualties seemed surprising.

Only the coolness of the theater attaches prevented anything in the way of a panic. When the curtain was lowered upon final ensemble the orchestra continued to play, and Police Inspector McCloskey and Deputy Police Commissioner Hanson, who were in the audience, went quickly to the exits and quietly reassured those who had discovered the smoke in the second gallery.

Earthquakes at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Two slight earthquake shocks lasting less than three seconds were felt here and in the cities about the bay. No damage was done.

THREE KILLED IN A FIGHT

And an Officer Mortally Wounded at Ocilla, Ga.

Ocilla, Ga., Dec. 23.—Within a stone's throw of each other, three men were instantly killed and a policeman was mortally wounded here. The dead are:

Charlie Moore, Virgil Moore and Leonard Smith.

The fatally wounded policeman is Cain Walters.

Jack Sheppard and Charlie Moore met Policeman Walters on the street. Just after passing the officer, Sheppard, it is stated, fired a giant cannon cracker. The officer mildly remonstrated with him for the act, whereupon Moore took the side of Sheppard and a quarrel ensued.

Moore, it is said, attacked the officer with his pistol, shooting at short range. Sheppard got out of the way and took no further hand in the tragedy. The officer, though mortally wounded by Moore's first bullet, fired upon Moore as the latter ran, the ball striking Moore squarely in the back. He ran across the street and fell lifeless.

While the duel between the officer and Charlie Moore was in progress, Leonard Smith, a son of Chief of Police Smith, rushed to the officer's aid. At this juncture Virgil Moore went to the assistance of his brother Charlie and, it is said, fired upon Smith. Smith returned the fire. Both fell dead at almost the same instant.

THROWS ACID IN HIS FACE

Woman Destroys Sight of One of a Mayor's Eyes.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 23.—Dr. Charles E. Smith, mayor of this city, lost the sight of one eye a d was partially blinded in the other when one of his women patients visited his office and threw carbolic acid over his face and head, according to the story told by Dr. Smith, his wife, and Miss Albert Shrope, the doctor's stenographer. Before throwing the acid, Dr. Smith says, the woman threatened to shoot him, but he disarmed her. Dr. Smith believes the woman insane. He said that he had treated her for nervous trouble and rheumatism, and had been warned that she had threatened his life.

SMALL INCREASE IS SHOWN

In the Alien Population of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The increase in the alien population of the United States in the year ending Sept. 30, last, was only 6,298.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus called the attention of President Roosevelt to these figures.

According to Secretary Straus, 724,112 foreigners came to this country in the year between Oct. 1, 1907, and Sept. 30, last, but during the same period 717,814 foreigners left our shores for their own countries.

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CORROBORATE MRS. ANNIS' TESTIMONY

Two More Witnesses Testify in the Hains Case.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Testimony of a character designed to corroborate the stories of the killing of William E. Annis, which have been told in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, was developed from several of the prosecution's witnesses. District Attorney Darrin told Justice Crane when court adjourned that the state would probably take a week to complete its case.

William Knapp, a Bayside Yacht club member, was given a rigorous cross-examination after testifying that while sailing toward the dock after the impromptu boat race he heard shooting and saw Mrs. Annis run down the runway.

"I saw her move across the float," continued Knapp, "then she was stopped and she went back up the runway again. Someone took her by the arm at the runway. I couldn't see who stopped her because she was hidden by the jib of the Annis boat."

Mrs. Helen E. Annis testified Monday that Thornton Hains turned her back with a revolver when she ran across the float toward her wounded husband.

John C. Stephens, another fellow club member of Annis, caused a sensation when he testified that he heard the defendant say after the shooting that "I came to protect my brother and would have shot anybody who interfered."

Lawyer McIntyre endeavored to shatter the testimony of Mr. Stephens, but his evidence remained unchanged when he left the stand.

Both the witnesses, Knapp and Stephens, asserted on the stand that there was a noticeable interval between the first and subsequent shots fired by Captain Hains at William E Annis.

MURDERER IS ELECTROCUTED

Much Talked of Attempt to Resuscitate Him Not Made.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Giacinto Ricci was electrocuted at the New Jersey prison at night.

The much talked of test to resuscitate the electrocuted man was not attempted. County Physician Scammel who had threatened to make the test, was not present and made no demand for the body. Head Keeper Osborne of the state prison had been advised by the attorney general that the county physician had no rights or duties in the premises.

Ricci was convicted of assault and murder of a three-year-old girl at Cliffwood, N. J., in September last.

WOMAN ASKED PROTECTION

Witness Against Night Riders Refused to Leave Court.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said:

"I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the riders, corroborated Fred Fehringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Dora Jackson, who corroborated her mother.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider who has turned state's evidence. He was trembling with fear and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. Russell is under constant guard, but believes that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehringer, and corroborated it in every essential detail.

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